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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Cesar Z. Lina, et al.** §
 Assignee: **Kinetic Concepts, Inc.** §
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 Title: **WOUND THERAPY DEVICE** §
AND RELATED METHODS §

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AMENDMENT A

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 9, 1996. An appropriate request for extension of time is attached.

In The Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

- Sub D1-1
- (Amended) A therapeutic [apparatus] combination for [stimulating] promoting wound healing [of a wound] in mammals, comprising:
 - a porous pad which is permeable to fluids for positioning within a sealable space defined in part by a wound surface [introduction into the wound and secured in the wound by a dressing covering the wound and providing an air-tight seal around the wound and said pad];
 - a tube having a first end in fluid communication with said porous pad;
 - a canister for collecting fluids sucked through said tube, said canister being connected in fluid communication with a second end of said tube which is opposite the first end of said tube [from the wound connected to said pad through a drainage tube; and];
 - a suction pump for applying negative pressure to said tube, said suction pump being fluidically [the wound] connected to said canister through a hose; and